

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending. Claims 1, 12, 20, 31, and 41 are in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview granted to Applicant's representative on June 29, 2007, at which time the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was discussed. In particular, the Examiner requested that a single Listing of Claims, reflecting the changes made in the Responses filed January 22, 2007 and March 22, 2007, be submitted. However, the Examiner agreed to enter both of these responses, as duly requested in the Substitute Form PTO/SB/30 filed March 22, 2007 requesting continued examination.

The Listing of Claims submitted herewith thus attempts to reflect the changes made in the Responses filed January 22, 2007 and March 22, 2007, the contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference. However, as discussed in the telephone interview, discrepancies have inevitably arisen. For example, claims 39 and 40 were newly added in the Response filed January 22, 2007 but amended in the Response filed March 22, 2007. In the present document, the status of claims 39 and 40 has been identified as "(New)" but the claim language sets forth the text of these claims as it would have read after entry of the March 22, 2007 Response.

Despite such discrepancies, in light of the telephone interview, Applicant believes that the current response is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 8, 2007. Favorable reconsideration and further examination based thereon are respectfully requested.

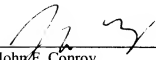
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